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The following Act of the Kerala State Legislature is hereby published for general information. The Bill as passed by the Legislative Assembly received the assent of the President on the 2nd day of March, 1963.

By Order of the Governor,
P. SANKARAN ELAYATH,
Law Secretary.

ACT 16 OF 1963

THE OPIUM (KERALA AMENDMENT) ACT, 1963

An Act to amend the Opium Act, 1878, in its application to the State of Kerala.

Preamble.—WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Opium Act, 1878, in its application to the State of Kerala, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Thirteenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Opium (Kerala Amendment) Act, 1963.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of Central Act 1 of 1878.*—(1) In the Opium Act, 1878 (Central Act 1 of 1878), as in force in the Malabar district referred to in sub-section (2) of section 5 of the States Reorganisation Act, 1956 (Central Act 37 of 1956),—

(i) in section 20, the words, figures and letter "or to the nearest officer of the Prohibition Department empowered under section 20A" shall be omitted; and

(ii) section 20A shall be omitted.

(2) In the Opium Act, 1878 (Central Act 1 of 1878),—

(i) in section 20, after the words "the officer in charge of the nearest police-station", the words, figures and letter "or to the officer of the Excise or Prohibition Department in charge of the range, empowered under section 20A" shall be inserted;

(ii) after section 20, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

"20A. *Power to invest Excise or Prohibition Officers with the powers of an officer in charge of a police-station.*—The State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, invest any officer of the Excise or Prohibition Department or any class of such officers with the powers of an officer in charge of a police-station for the investigation of offences under this Act.".

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